THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY {DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) The State of Uttar Pradesh has been sanctioned seven growth centres. Out of these, five growth centres located at Bijauli {Jhansi Distt.), Jamaur (Shahjahanpur Distt.), Pakbara {Moradabad Distt.). Satharia (Jaunpur Distt.) and Sahjanwa {Gorakhpur Distt.) have become functional with the commencement of allotment of plots there. The remaining two growth centres at Dibiapur (Auraiya Distt.) and Khurja (Bulandshahr Distt.) are at various stages of development. The Central assistance released to the seven growth centres so far is Rs. 3845.00 lakhs.

(c) No, Sir.

Schemes in NER

474. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes under implementation in the North Eastern Region for removal of rural and urban poverty;

(b) how far these schemes have performed during last three years;

(c) whether any shortcomings have been noticed while implementing these programmes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The Department of Rural Development is presently implementing Self-emptoyment Scheme such as Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Wage Employment Schemes such as Sampoorn Gram Rozgar Yojana Steam-I & II (SGRY), Indira Awaas Yojana (lAY), Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana-Gramin Awaas (PMGY), Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP) and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The Department of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation is implementing the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY).

(b) The financial progress under various schemes of removal of

rural poverty under Department of Rural Development in North East Region during the last 3 years is as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

	Funds	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Schemes being implemented by Deptt. of Rural Development	Central Release	934.77	1659.68	1617.44
	Utilized	758.35	1024.50	1158.54

The financial progress under various schemes of removal of urban poverty under Department of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation in North East Region during the last 3 years is as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

	Funds	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Schemes being Implemented by Deptt. of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation	Central Release	6.92	4.80	2.21
	Expenditure reported {including unspent balances of old urban poverty alleviation programmes)	6.93	11.94	5.90

(c) and (d) The Department of Rural Development has informed that the pace of utilization of funds in the North Eastern Region (NER) has substantially improved in the last two years in comparison to 1999-2000. However, there have been some shortfalls in achievements. The main reason for the shortfalls has been non-release of matching shares by tfie NE States during the period. The State Governments of NER released Rs. 291.61 crore, Rs. 229.56 crore and Rs. 280.46 crore during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 as against their share x)f Rs. 327.63 crore, Rs. 401.17 crore and Rs. 386.39 crore respectively Among the other reasons are topographical conditions of the region, the short execution period,

inadequate capacity to execute projects in time, disturbed conditions in some parts.

Plan for Integrated development of NER

475. SHRI RAJNATH 'SINGH' SURYA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a common plan for the Integrated Development of North Eastern Region of the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the plan; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to adopt such a plan in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (c) Each State of the North Eastern Region pursues its development through its Five Year Plans and Annual Plans and the outlays are decided in consultation with the Planning Commission. However, the North Eastern Council (NEC), with the objective of securing a balanced development of the North Eastern Region, prepares its Five Year Plan in consultation with the State Governments and the Planning Commission. The NEC attempts to formulate a unified and coordinated regional plan in regard to matters of common interest. The Tenth Plan outlay for the NEC, is Rs. 3,500 crore. In addition to projects which are financed by the NEC, the Department of Development of North Eastern Region also finances infrastructure projects under the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR). The projects being funded by NEC and under NLCPR are mainly for physical and social infrastructure which include power, transmission and distribution tines, promotion of agro based industries, construction of roads and bridges, provision and augmentation of water supply, upgradation of airports, improvement of air-connectivity, setting up and maintenance of educational and medical institutions, support for manpower development etc. The details are available at the Department of Development of North Eastern Region's Website www. northeast.nlc.in.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India had also announced an Agenda for socio-economic development of the North Eastern Region on 22nd January, 2000 at Shillong. The agenda covers 28 programmes/schemes relating to the development of the power sector, border trade.